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Brian has experience working with wood.

"Well, I was a cabinet maker 45 years. I have good tools."

He owns a few wagons.

"I have a Webber, a John Deere, and I have a Triumph built by John Deere. I have a no-name wagon. There were about a thousand wagonmakers in Texas. There was a Studebaker wagon. The company later started making Just like John Deere switched from wagons to tractors. All the old wagon companies had huge facilities and owned their own mules. They had their own woods. They cut hickory for the axles, poplar for the side boards, the floors were all pine. All the iron was built by them. They had lots and lots of tools."

The chuck box carried all the things you might find in a kitchen except the kitchen sink. Cooks got water from a keg attached to the side of the wagon and heated it over a fire to wash dishes.

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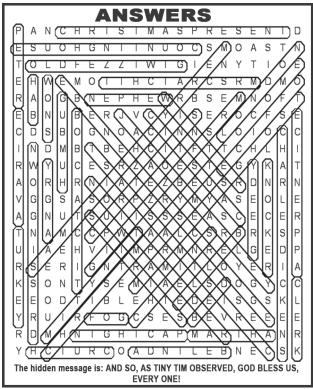
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Rhonda Williams Obituary

Memorial services for Rhonda Kay Tully Williams, age 66, of Sulphur Springs will be held on a future date at West Oaks Funeral Home to ensure her husband James, who is currently still in Plano Medical City is able to attend. Mrs. Williams passed away on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

She was born on June 29, 1959, in Sulphur Springs, Texas the daughter of Verdis Wesley Tully and Dovie Lee Broughton. She married James P. Williams on June 15, 1975, at Mars Hill Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs and he survives.

Rhonda was a long time produce farmer along with her family and delivered The Millennium Shopper, Sulphur Springs News Telegram and other newspapers for various companies for forty-seven years.

Rhonda was the rock of the family. A loving mamma and the most wonderful mother. What a blessing it was to have her in our lives. A true gift from God but now he has called her home, pain free and in perfect form.

Rhonda is survived by her husband James, sons; Jimmy Jay Williams and wife Corrie, Phillip Lee Williams and wife Amy; daughters Kristy Denee Williams, Amandia Kay Williams Turner and husband Shaun. Grandchildren; Destyne Kay Williams, Precious (Pete) Williams, Kayson Dakota Williams, Payton James Turner, Dusty D'wayne Turner and Riland Phillip Williams. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Delbert Lee Tully, two sisters Mary Lynn Tully Sharber and Sue Tully Johnston.

Arrangements under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



James Paulie "Turk" Morgan December 20, 1933 — December 6, 2025

Funeral service for James Paulie "Turk" Morgan, age 91 of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, December 12, 2025 with Dr. Jeff Gravens officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with Cole Farmer, Garrett Vickey, Dylan Reed, Rodney Miller, Morgan Anderson, and Red Cross serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Morgan passed away on December 6, 2025 at Carriage House Manor.

James was born on December 20, 1933 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Wilbur and Lucille Morgan. He married Patty Sidebottom on April 12, 1958 and had two daughters, Ann and Debra Morgan. James was a retired veteran of the United States Army. He earned his bachelor's degree from SMU. He worked for his father at Dairy Queen on Main Street before becoming owner. James and Patty retired from Dairy Queen and became grandparents. He was an avid bowler,

fisherman, hunter, and Texas Rangers fan. Above all, James was the best grandfather and great grandfather anyone could pray for. James was a member of the First Baptist Churchin Sulphur Springs.

He is survived by his daughter, Debra; granddaughter, Amber Walker; great grandchildren, Dylan Reed (Jordan), Ashlyn Collins (Adan); great-great grandchildren, Cason Reed, Ophelia Reed, Oliver Reed and Brynleigh Delacruz.

James was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Patty; daughter, Ann; sisters, Shirley Anderson and Billie Jo McLarry.



Dean "PD" Howle December 13, 1943 — December 3, 2025

Private graveside for Dean "PD" Howle, age 81 of Sulphur Springs will be held at Shooks Chapel Cemetery at a later date with Macen Howle, Brycen Howle, Tatom Sink, Grason Sink, Heith Stubbs, and Clint Howle serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Howle passed away on December 3, 2025 at Christus Mother Frances in Sulphur Springs.

Dean was born on December 13, 1943 in Greenville, Texas to Frank and Lillian (Bryant) Howle. He was raised in Yantis, Texas where he graduated high school in 1961. Dean was a member of the Fighting Owls basketball team. He attended Tyler Junior College. He worked at Rockwell International in Sulphur Springs. Dean served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1968. He married Mary Linda Murphy in 1966. Dean and Mary returned to Sulphur Springs in 1968 to be

co-owners of Murphy Building Supply until 1997. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs where he taught the 5-year-old Sunday school class for over 16 years. Dean served as president of the Sulphur Springs Jaycees. He also served on the Martin Springs Water Supply Board of directors for over 50 years. Dean was known as "PD" to his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and most of their friends.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary; daughter, Kelly Sink and husband Tim of Quitman; son, Murphy Howle and Shannon Kenney of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Kaili Stubbs and Heith, Macen Howle and Ashley; Brycen Howle and wife, Magan; Tatom Sink and wife, Whitney, Jalie Howle, and Grason Sink; great grandchildren, Hynzlee, Macy, Blakely, Linkyn, Blair, Journee, Kohl, Bristol, Brylee, Halle, Britton, and TJ set to arrive Dec. 18; brother, Tommy Howle and wife, Carrol of Quitman; nephews, Clint Howle and wife, Jenny and Todd Howle. Dean was preceded in death by his parents and precious great-grandson, Kase Alan Stubbs.

Concierge Nursing Is Changing the Way We Heal

Concierge nursing is quietly reshaping the experience of care in the most human way possible. At a time when the world feels rushed and healthcare often feels distant, this model invites people back into a relationship with their own wellbeing. It offers time, presence, and a true partnership. These qualities used to be common in medicine but have slowly faded as clinics grew crowded and appointments became shorter. Concierge nursing is a response to this shift. It reminds us that healing happens best when a person feels seen.

At its heart, concierge nursing is simple. A nurse chooses to work directly with clients rather than through a traditional clinic or hospital structure. This gives them the freedom to spend real time with people. They can listen without watching the clock. They can explain, guide, monitor, and advocate. They can come to a home, sit with a family, and help them understand what is happening in their bodies and what they can do to feel better. The pace is slower Gabriela Camacho but the impact is deeper.

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People often confuse this approach with luxury services. Although it can feel luxurious to have a skilled medical professional arrive at your door, the true value is not indulgence. It is access. It is continuity. It is trust. Many people feel intimidated during medical visits. They forget their questions or feel rushed as soon as the provider enters the room. Concierge nursing removes that tension. Instead of receiving fragmented instructions from multiple departments, clients receive one dedicated expert who knows their history and their preferences. That level of personal attention can transform outcomes.

Nurses who work in this field speak openly about the difference it makes for them as well. Many describe a renewed sense of purpose. They are able to practice the art of nursing the way they imagined when they first entered the profession. They can educate without pressure. They can advocate without limits. They can watch progress unfold in real time and celebrate small victories with their clients. In a system that often leaves clinicians overwhelmed, concierge nursing restores meaning.

Critics sometimes argue that concierge care is only for a select group. Yet the model continues to evolve. Some practices offer creative membership options or short term programs for people who need temporary guidance. Others focus on preventive care so clients can reduce

future medical expenses. Accessibility is not a fixed concept. It grows when new models challenge the old ones.

The greatest strength of concierge nursing lies in its humanity. It is not about replacing hospitals or competing with physicians. It is about filling a space that traditional systems struggle to reach. People crave connection.

They want clarity. They want someone who will walk with them through uncertainty.

Nurses have always been the bridge between science and compassion. Concierge nursing gives them the room to do that work at full capacity.

As healthcare continues to change, this model stands out as a reminder of something essential. Healing is personal. It requires trust, time, and a caring presence. Concierge nursing brings those qualities back to the center where they belong.



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